

is much impaired by a previous paper of Brauer and Bergenstamm, published in 1891, and received the latter part of that year, in which some thirty or more additional, old or new genera are referred to North America, and which must conflict more or less with Mr. Townsend's genera.

I cannot join with Mr. Townsend in his sweeping condemnation of Brauer and Bergenstamm's work in this family. The descriptions of these authors are often involved and obscure, but I believe that patient study, together with ample

material, will, almost always, solve the problems which they contain. Especially do I think so from the fact that these authors have given excellent figures of most of the genera (three hundred and over) known to them, and figures are usually more valuable in this family than extended descriptions. I by no means wish to affirm my faith in the validity of many of the characters used by them, but a correct interpretation of the value of these characters will be of more service than a multiplication of genera.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES.

##### CAMBRIDGE ENTOMOLOGICAL CLUB.

13 January, 1893. The 175th regular and 17th annual meeting (since incorporation) was held at 156 Brattle St. Mr. S. H. Scudder was chosen chairman.

The annual reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian were presented.

The following officers for 1893 were elected: President, W. H. Ashmead of Washington; Secretary, R. Hayward; Treasurer, S. Henshaw; Librarian, S. H. Scudder; members at large of the Executive Committee, A. P. Morse and S. H. Scudder.

The annual address of the retiring President, Dr. W. J. Holland, on "Communal cocoons and the moths that weave them" was next read by Mr. Scudder in the absence of the President. In this address Dr. Holland erected the genus *Oecura* and described the following new species: *Oecura goodii*, *Anaphe clara* and *A. subordinata*.

Mr. S. H. Scudder called attention to a somewhat similar habit in one of the Mexican Pieridae (*Eucheira socialis*) described by Westwood.

Mr. H. G. Dyar said that some individuals

of *Clisiocampa* usually remain in the nest and undergo their transformations.

Mr. A. P. Morse, with reference to *Clisiocampa*, stated that he had seen a Baltimore oriole (*Icterus baltimore*) open a nest, but that it had considerable difficulty in opening the cocoons contained therein.

Further discussion followed in which all participated.

Mr. A. P. Morse read a short paper recording the occurrence of *Paroxya atlantica* at Faneuil Station, Mass., last summer and stated that he had captured there melanistic specimens.

FOREIGN NOTES.—Mr. Charles Brongniart has succeeded Mr. H. Lucas as assistant at the Paris museum in charge of the arthropods.

We regret to record the death of the veteran German lepidopterist, Dr. Adolph Speyer of Rhoden, the precision of whose work in the study of structure and of geographical distribution has had a good influence in science.

The eleventh part of Kolbe's Introduction to entomology continues the internal anatomy, dealing with respiration, heat, the fatty bodies and luminosity, and begins upon the digestive apparatus.